

10 Easy Steps to Save Energy & Money
From the
Lowell GREEN Building Commission

- 1) Turn off the lights, and unplug any unused appliance, they still use a lot of energy even when not in use. (savings of \$12 a year)
- 2) Put a sleep feature on computers and printers to shut down after 5 minutes of no use (save \$22 a year)
- 3) Replace incandescent light bulbs with Energy efficient florescent bulbs.
(savings of \$8 a year per bulb including cost of the bulb)
- 4) Install water efficient fixtures. A duel-flush toilet saves 15,000 gal./year. Replace 4 faucets and 2 shower heads (save \$255 a year)
- 5) Turn off or turn down the heat or air conditioning when at work or bedtime.
(savings as much as 30% off your energy bill)
- 6) Pull down your storm windows or seal with plastic in winter. Replace weather stripping. (save as much as 40% off of your energy bill)
- 7) Seal holes and cracks in your basement with expandable foam or silicon caulking. Insulate hot water pipes and heating ducts in the basement.
(save \$50 a year including the cost of materials)
- 8) Insulate your basement perimeter, basement ceiling, and attic. Get a free home energy audit from KEYSpan to find the critical areas in your home.
(save \$225 a year including the cost of materials)
- 9) Get or give a ride to a friend. Take public transportation.
(Save \$1 for each 5 miles not driven if you drive an average car)
- 10) Recycle more. If Lowell were to recycle 20-25% more, we could save \$1 million/ year that could be used for further improvements in our community.

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*all are estimates based on an average of multiple factors and are only intended for illustrating potential savings under ideal circumstances